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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This amendment is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 5, 2004 (hereafter, the "Office Action"). Claims 1-5, 8, 10-11, 53-55, 68-69, and 75-76 are currently under examination and were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C.§ 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement and for lack of written description, under § 112, second paragraph, and under § 102(a) over either U.S. Patent No. 6,387,676 (Virca et al.) or US2002/0197679, published December 26, 2002 (Tang et al.). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. This response is timely filed along with a petition for a two-month extension of time.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 11 of this paper.